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## Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians

# They called him, 'Chief'

## But Bender made his own name in the Hall of Fame

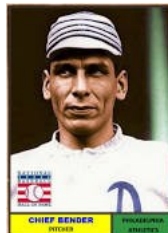
By Richard J. Pufall

For the Bad River Band

**C**arole Kraft was just 11 when her uncle passed away in 1954. But he was more than just a great uncle. He was one of the greatest major-league pitchers of all time.

Yes, he was born in Minnesota, but Carole and all Chippewa of the Bad River Band can hold claim to Hall of Fame pitcher Charles Albert "Chief" Bender, as one of their native sons. After all, he was a member of the sprawling Ojibwe Nation, extending from the Dakotas, across Minnesota and Wisconsin and into Michigan.

Carole, a Tribal Member, was born Carole Bender on March 11, 1943 in Hayward, but grew up on the Bad River Reservation. William Bender, Carole's grandfather, was Chief Bender's half-brother.



**Chief Bender**  
1884-1954

Carole knows the nickname, "Chief," was not of his own choosing and never something the star pitcher embraced. The white establishment among America's sporting public at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century had branded him with the name, "Chief." He never welcomed it, but grudgingly accepted the label.

"I know he didn't like it, but we know him now by [Charles] Albert Chief Bender," Carole said, of the stereotypical nickname thrust upon him as a young player. "The crowds that would hoot and holler Indian calls, he'd call them 'foreigners.' That was many years ago, which I am proud of." Bender's baseball talents were well-documented by author Sister M. Carolissa Levi in her highly respected book, "Chippewa Indians of Yesterday and Today," published in 1956.

Chief Bender was born on May 5, 1884 on the White Earth Chippewa



Bay City News Service photo

Carole Kraft holds images honoring the memory of her great uncle, Hall of Fame pitcher, Charles Albert "Chief" Bender.

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# Chief Bender

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Indian Reservation in Brainerd, Minn. in Crow Wing County. He was the fourth oldest of 11 children born to Mary Razor, a Chippewa and Albert Bliss Bender, a homesteader-farmer of German-American descent. Mary's Ojibwe name was, "Pay show de o quay."

Carole never had a chance to meet her famous uncle and admits to not being a baseball fan as a young girl growing up on the Bad River Reservation. But as Carole grew, so did her interest in Chief Bender. Carole had worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and was transferred to White Earth as a project director, where she did research on Chief Bender's life.

He and his wife, Marie, were married 40 years but never had children.

"I am very proud, and I would like to know more about him," Carole said. "I wish he would have had children and grandchildren we could have talked with.

Carole had five brothers and three sisters. Only Carole and her sister, Kathy Ashmun, survive.

Carole said her father, Vincent, visited the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown N.Y. and was moved by the plaque and memorabilia devoted to Chief Bender. "My father was very, very proud of him," she said.

Carole's father told her of the visits Chief Bender made to Bad River to spend time with his brother, William.

"My father said he would come to the Reservation in this big, fancy silver car," Carole said of the sleek

Pierce-Arrow Chief Bender owned. "He came to visit my grandfather (William) here on the Reservation."

That would have been a drive of about 1,200 miles for Chief Bender, given that he lived most of his adult life in Pennsylvania.

Bender pitched 16 seasons in the major leagues, with four teams: the Philadelphia Athletics (1903-1914), the Baltimore Terrapins of the Federal League (1915), the Philadelphia Phillies (1916-17) and the Chicago White Sox (1925). Bender, 6-foot-2 and 185 pounds, was a two-time 20-game winner and had a lifetime major-league record of 212-127, with a sparkling earned run average of 2.46.

He struck out 1,711 batters, recorded 40 shutouts and 255 complete games in an era when pitchers were expected to finish what they started. He was considered a control pitcher with great command, but in his early days his fastball was considered second only to the legendary fireballer Walter Johnson.

In 1911, Chief Bender tied a record by pitching three complete games in a single World Series. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1953, but on May 22, 1954 at age 70, he died of prostate cancer before his induction. He is buried in the Philadelphia suburb of Roslyn.



Chief Bender won 212 games in the major leagues.

Bender was well-liked by his fellow players. It was said of the Chief that he never made an enemy in baseball or his personal life. His longtime roommate on road trips, Rube Bressler, called him, "one of the kindest and finest men who ever lived." And

the great, but racist Hall of Famer Ty Cobb – often critical of opponents and teammates alike – called Bender the most intelligent pitcher he had ever faced.

"He was very intelligent, very smart," Carole said. "He was in the textile busi-



Chief Bender's Hall of Fame plaque in Cooperstown, N.Y.

ness and he knew diamonds and jewelry."

After his playing days, he worked those businesses and served also as a coach and scout for the New York Giants and Athletics.

Connie Mack was Chief Bender's manager with the Philadelphia A's for 12 seasons.

Mack won more major-league games (3,731) and lost more (3,948) than any skipper in baseball history. Mack said he had never managed a better pitcher than Bender.

"If everything depended on one game, I just used Albert – the great-

est money pitcher of all time," Mack said of Bender. "I'd tell Albert when I planned to use him in a crucial series. Then I relaxed. He never let me down."

Bender prepped at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania; the same school attended by the great Jim Thorpe. Later, Bender got his degree from Dickinson College in Carlisle.

Legendary Coach Glenn "Pop" Warner was impressed when he saw Bender, just 16, pitching indoor batting practice. Warner was Carlisle's baseball and football coach. Pop was so taken with the pitching of the lanky right-hander that he immediately promoted Bender to Carlisle's varsity.

In 1902, Bender was playing for a semi-pro team in Harrisburg, Pa., just a short drive from Carlisle, when Mack saw Bender shut out the Chicago Cubs, 3-0, in an exhibition game. The next season, Bender was in the major leagues with Mack's Athletics.

But, "the greatest money pitcher of all time," was paid just \$1,800 by Mack in his first season, which would be about \$52,700 in today's dollars. Decent, but a paltry sum by 2020 standards. In his baseball career Bender was never paid more than \$2,400 a season. Today's pitchers with Hall of Fame credentials

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# Chief Bender

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such as Bender's make about \$20 million a season.

However, when Chief Bender won two games to beat the New York Giants in the five-game 1911 World Series, Mack showed his appreciation by giving his ace pitcher a \$2,500 bonus to pay off the mortgage on his house.

As a 19-year-old rookie, Bender went 17-14 with 29 complete games and a 3.07 earned-run average. Two years later, Bender was 18-11 with the pennant-winning A's. He pitched Philadelphia to its only victory in the 1905 World Series, shutting out "Iron Man" Joe McGinnity and the Giants, 3-0. He lost his other start in the Fall Classic to fellow future Hall of Famer Christy Mathewson, 2-0.

Bender continued to improve over the next few years, peaking in 1910 with a 23-5 record and 1.58 ERA. That marked the eighth year in a row in which he lowered his ERA from the previous season. Also, that season, he pitched a no-hitter against Cleveland. That's right, he beat the Indians.

"I'll bet he really loved that," Carole said, laughing.

The A's won the World Series in 1910, 1911 and 1913, with Bender winning five of his seven starts in the Fall Classic during that run.

In 1914, Bender went 17-3 – leading the American League in winning percentage for the third time in five seasons. But the A's lost to the Boston

Braves in that World Series. Soon after, Mack broke up the A's dynasty due to surging salaries caused by competition with the upstart Federal League.

Bender, at age 31, jumped to the Baltimore Terrapins of the Federal League in 1915, but his record was just 4-16 with a 3.99 ERA. He pitched well but got little run support from the weak-hitting Terrapins. Bender considered the jump to Baltimore as the worst decision of his career. He returned to Philadelphia to pitch for the Phillies in 1916 and 1917. He made his last major-league appearance in 1925 with the White Sox.

Bender retired with a career record of 212-127, good for a .625 winning percentage.

As one might expect, Bender had to deal with racism as well and the bats of major-league hitters. Bigotry was accepted by most when Bender broke into the major leagues, 44 years before Jackie Robinson broke baseball's "color barrier" in 1947. No one back in the day, it seemed, had heard of "political correctness."

The nickname, "Chief," was thrust upon him by fans and newspaper sports-writers of his day.

Author Tom Swift, in his biography of Bender, wrote that the pitcher, "was often portrayed as a caricature and was the subject of myriad cartoons – many exhibits of narrow-mindedness. After he threw one of the most dominating games of the early years of the American League, Bender was depicted



Chief Bender helped the Athletics to three World Series championships.

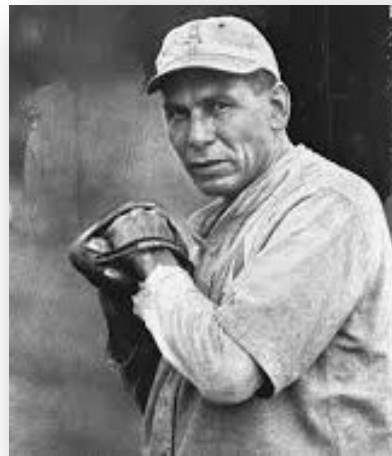
wielding a tomahawk and wearing a headdress as though he was a happy warrior."

And on the field the discrimination was often intense. Swift wrote that taunting from the bench was common in Bender's era and that the opposition or the fans often made war whoops or yelled taunts such as "Nig"

or "Back to the reservation!" Bender usually remained calm, frequently smiling at the insults. After an inning in which he had pitched particularly well, he might yell back, "Foreigners! Foreigners!"

To be sure, the nickname "Chief" was not intended as a compliment. While he didn't like the moniker, the affable Bender did not protest. However, during his playing days he frequently signed autographs as "Charles" or "Charley," rarely Chief.

Bender was mellow, well-liked, and typically used his intelligence, smile and sense of humor to combat the catcalls he frequently heard from small-minded fans in



Many knew Chief Bender as a great pitcher and an even better man.

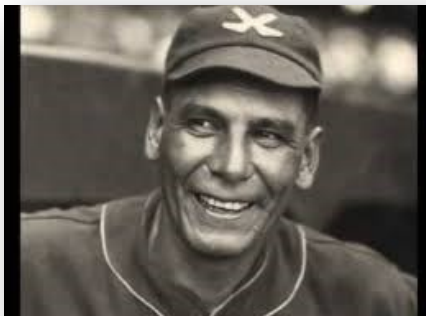
the stands.

In 1910, however, in a rare, sharp retort to racist taunts, he said:

"You ignorant, ill-bred foreigners. If you don't like the way I'm doing things out there, why don't you just pack up and go back to your own countries!"

And chances are he said it with a smile on his face.

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Chief Bender's right arm and smile served him well in his baseball career.



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*To work toward a more progressive, financially stable government; to maintain Tribal Sovereignty; and enable members to progress individually, toward a more fulfilling life culturally, spiritually, and economically,*

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## **'Mino-dibishkaan' to our Elders**

*Taking the cake, in April*

### **April 4**

Jerry Stafford

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Lisa Toman

### **April 26**

Gerald White

### **April 28**

Jo Ann Stone



# Old friends & a new newsletter

**B**oozhoo! Yes, I'm saying, "hello." But, actually, I should be saying, "hello again." I met many of you late last year when I wrote briefly for The Bad River Newsletter.

And I met even more of you 50-plus years ago when I was growing up in Ashland's East End. Some of you were classmates or neighborhood friends, such as brothers Howard, Bob and Ricky Boyd, who lived a few doors away on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and attended the old Bay City Grade School.

One summer, during a game of stretch, Bob Boyd stuck a knife in my left foot. That caused me some pain. And it damaged my penny loafer but not our friendship.

A few of you, Ed Manydeeds for example, came into my life in Little League at the north and south diamonds of Beaser Park. Ed became a close friend in high school when we were teammates in football and basketball. Happy to say, Ed is still my friend. He is a respected lawyer living in Eau Claire and a member of the University of Wisconsin's Board of Regents.

In junior high and high school, in that classic, long-gone brownstone building on the northeast corner of Ellis Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Street East in Ashland, more relationships were launched.

There I met such good folks as Larry Houle, Lovey Gordon, Paul Rabideaux, Doris Tutor, John Wilmer, Dale Wolf and the zany Spud Maday. I graduated with Mike Berlin, the current Tribal Council Vice-Chairman. I didn't know Mike well in high school but hope to in the days ahead.

All of this, please understand, is not to underscore the differences between people, but rather to point to a commonality. I believe, as Ayn Rand once said, "We are all brothers under the skin."

True friendships come from kindred personalities, mutual interests and goals. And, of course, respect. To be sure, what we are and where we came from matters, but not nearly as much as who we are and how we live our lives.

Yes, all mentioned here are Native Americans. Most are Tribal Members of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. Indeed, back in the day, "Indians" was the more-accepted term. And, of course, I was considered an East End Polish American. (The actual, accepted term in the 1960s was not quite so polite).

My ancestors came from Poland, Germany, Austria and, of course, Ashland. In 1974, I left my hometown to chase my journalism career through three time zones, six states, 14 newspapers and 37 years; vowing never to return to that one-horse, whistle stop.

But in 2011, I came back. And I'm glad I did. This is home.

I ended my newspaper career where it began, at The Daily Press. While working there I met esteemed Tribal Elder Joe Rose and Chairman Mike Wiggins, Jr.; fine gentlemen and sources of great pride for Bad River. And I rekindled an old friendship with the always-affable Mel Maday.

Then, for nearly four years, I was the manager of the Ashland Historical Society Museum where I worked with some truly wonderful people and met many more.

And now, as the new conductor of the brand-new Bad River newsletter, called "Drum Beats," I hope to do some good for the Tribal community. Along the way, I hope to make more friends, such as Carole Kraft, who graciously sat for the interview that lead to today's cover story on her great uncle, Hall of Fame pitcher, Charles Albert "Chief" Bender.

Going forward, I hope you will enjoy the changes you see in "Drum Beats." With a little help from my friends, you will.

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**By Richard J. Pufall**

For the Bad River Band



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**For updates on the Bad River Tribe's efforts to combat COVID-19, the coronavirus pandemic, click the link below**

[Website](#)

## So far, so good: No cases reported here

**By Richard J. Pufall**

For the Bad River Band

**T**here have been two reported cases of COVID-19, the coronavirus, in Bayfield County and one in Ashland County. But that one case is not on the Bad River Reservation.

This information comes from Pamela Feustel, Public Health Nurse for the Bad River Health & Wellness Center.

"We currently have one positive case in Ashland County," Feustel said. "They are not on the Reservation. We remain vigilant on surveillance and are working with our county partners to monitor any potential cases."

On March 17, Chairman Mike Wiggins, Jr. and the Bad River Tribe declared a Public Health Emergency (State of Emergency). That same day, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers issued an order telling public gathering places such as malls, bars and restaurants to close and limiting other gatherings of 10 or more people. The limits also apply to theaters, movie theaters, churches, arenas, coffee shops, fitness centers and many other places.

As of today, April 1, there were 1,351 reported cases of coronavirus and 16 deaths in Wisconsin.

Feustel, and the Health and Wellness Center, had a plan in place that seems to be paying dividends.

"At this time, our clinic is first



Bay City News Service photo

**This display, in the lobby of the Bad River Health and Wellness Center, is another sign of troubling times, as the entire world tries to cope with the coronavirus.**

triaging patients and then scheduling appointments if necessary, in order to avoid any unnecessary potential exposure," Feustel said. "We continue to have full schedules serving our community members and ensuring they remain healthy."

The low coronavirus numbers here in the Lake Superior area are comforting, especially when compared with New York City, which has become the epicenter for the virus in the United States.

On Monday, New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo announced that there have been 253 more deaths from the coronavirus in the state since Sunday. And health-care experts there be-

lieve the worst has yet to be seen and could still be weeks away. There are 66,496 confirmed cases in New York and a total of 1,218 deaths. Nearly 10,000 people are hospitalized, Cuomo said. The death toll in New York City alone is 914.

At present, worst-case scenario, health experts at the White House predict that 200,000 people will die from this virus, nationwide.

On Monday, President Trump announced he is extending social-distancing guidelines to April 30.

On the Bad River Reservation, different people have had different reactions to the threat of the virus, Feustel said.

"I believe, like anywhere,

there is a mixed range," she said. "What I can tell you is that it is important for the community to understand how serious this virus is. We can all do our part to ensure that the community remains as healthy as possible during this pandemic. It is recommended that all community members follow posted guidance, and of course, call if they have any questions."

Indeed, Tribal members seem to be taking the threat of the pandemic quite seriously, but Feustel doesn't see a change in who these people are and have always been.

"I don't believe this is a change, but it is certainly more noticeable how Bad River is a strong community," she said. "We are like family, and everyone is pitching in to ensure that all community members are cared for during this time of crisis."

In the spirit of social-distancing and following healthy guidelines, Feustel agreed to do the interview for this story via email. As time goes on, Feustel hopes Tribal members and visitors to Bad River will continue to observe healthy behavior.

"While it can be difficult, please continue to follow the 'Safer at Home' guidance," she said. "As a community, we will get through this together. We will remain Bad River Strong."

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# Coronavirus: How to stay healthy

From The American Red Cross  
& the Centers for Disease Control

The American Red Cross is closely monitoring the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and following the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

This is a stressful time and people want to know what they can do to protect themselves and their families. That's why the Red Cross is highlighting some every-day steps that people in the U.S. can take now.

In addition, stay informed about what's happening in the Bad River Community and always follow the directions of state and local authorities.

## LIMIT THE SPREAD OF GERMS AND PREVENT INFECTION

The Red Cross recommends the following steps to help prevent the spread of germs during this situation:

- \* Stay home if you can and avoid gatherings of more than 10 people. Practice social distancing by keeping a distance of about six feet from others if you must go out in public.

- \* Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after being in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

- \* Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.

- \* Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

- \* Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.

- \* Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing; throw used tissues in the trash. If a tissue isn't available, cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve, not your hands.

- \* Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, door-knobs, light switches, handles, desks, computers, phones, keyboards, sinks, toilets, faucets and countertops.

- \* If surfaces are dirty, clean them — use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

- \* Wear a facemask if you are sick. You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office.

WHAT IS A CASE?	WHAT IS A CONTACT?	WHAT IS A CONTACT OF A CONTACT?
		
A patient has a diagnosis of COVID-19.	An individual had close contact while the case patient was infectious.	An individual had or continues to have close contact with a contact.
<b>TAKE ACTION:</b>	<b>TAKE ACTION:</b>	<b>TAKE ACTION:</b>
<b>Isolate.</b> Separate from people who are not sick to avoid spreading illness.	<b>Quarantine.</b> Stay at home to limit community exposure to illness and to see if symptoms develop.	<b>Everyday preventative actions.</b> Wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes, and clean surfaces frequently. Be alert for symptoms.

## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS

According to the CDC, COVID-19 symptoms include fever, shortness of breath and a cough. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure. Call your doctor for medical advice if you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop symptoms.

## WHO IS AT A HIGHER RISK?

According to the CDC, early information shows that some people are at higher risk of getting very sick from this virus. This includes older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes and lung disease.

If you are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19 because of your age or a serious medical condition, it is extra important for you to take actions to avoid getting sick.

- \* Stay home as much as you can and avoid crowds as much as possible. Take

everyday precautions to keep space between yourself and others.

- \* When you go out in public, keep away from others who are sick, limit close contact and wash your hands often.

- \* Stock up on supplies.

- \* Contact your healthcare provider to ask about obtaining extra necessary medications to have on hand in case there is an outbreak of COVID-19 in your community and you need to stay home for a prolonged period of time.

- \* If you cannot get extra medications, consider using a mail-order option.

- \* Be sure you have over-the-counter medicines and medical supplies (tissues, etc.) to treat fever and other symptoms. Most people will be able to recover from COVID-19 at home.

- \* Have enough household items and groceries on hand so that you will be prepared to stay at home for a period of time.



# A virtual healing

## Dancing for the people brings hope, spiritual support

By Mary Annette Pember

Indian Country Today

*Zibaaska'iganagooday is the exploding sound in the Ojibwe language and it has a long history of healing.*

Community song and dance have always been a part of healing and prayer for Native people.

In this time of social distancing, however, people are putting a digital spin on these healing traditions. People all over Indian Country are organizing virtual powwows and other social dances via social media as a means to offer hope and spiritual support during the Covid19 pandemic.

There was a social distance powwow last weekend on Facebook in which dancers, singers and vendors could gather safely from their homes.

Jingle dress dancers on the Bad River Reservation organized a social distance dance in the Tribe's Casino parking lot on Saturday afternoon, March 21. Dancers observed social distancing as community members watched the event from their cars.

"Jingle dresses are medicine dresses," said Jody Bigboy, Bad River Tribal Judge. "I put a post on our com-

munity Facebook page asking if folks wanted to come out and dance for the people. Over 30 dancers signed up."

Although women from other tribes have also embraced the jingle dress and its healing dance, its origins are based in Ojibwe Country.

through oral history, a dream came to an Ojibwe father whose daughter was very ill. In his dream, the father saw a woman dancing in spring-like steps but always keeping one of her feet on the ground. The dancer wore a dress covered in bits of metal that created explosive sounds.

He built the dress as instructed in the dream. His daughter put on the dress and began to dance like the woman in her father's dream. As she danced, she began to feel better, eventually making a recovery.

Soon, the dress and dance gained a reputation for healing and spread to communities throughout Ojibwe Country, a region including Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Ontario, Canada.

Many people speculate that the dance began during the 1918-'20 Spanish Flu or H1N1 virus pandemic. According to the Center for Disease Control at least 50 million people died worldwide from the disease.

"Indigenous people all over the world were especially vulnerable; some were not just decimated but sometimes annihilated," according to a recent article in Indian Country Today, by Joaquin Estus.

Building a jingle dress is hard work; each part of the process requires special attention to tradition and spirituality. Maintaining and dancing the dress is a serious responsibility; the spirit of

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Photo by Lynn Maday Bigboy

Jingle dress dancers pray in the parking lot of the Bad River Casino.

The jingle dress or zibaaska'iganagooday, dress of exploding sound in the Ojibwe language has a long history of healing.

Although, some traditional stories and teachings about the origin and practices of jingle dress dancing may vary among communities, the story focuses on a time of sickness about a century ago.

According to teachings, passed down



At right, is a close-up look of the detailed work that goes into a jingle dress. Building a jingle dress is hard work. Every step in the process requires special attention to tradition and spirituality.

Photo by  
Lynn  
Maday Bigboy



## Jingle dance

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the jingle dress reflects women's healing power over life. Therefore, dancers are instructed to conduct themselves with dignity and humility, always aware of this power.

Despite the cold and wind, several people participated in the dance. Lynn Maday Bigboy contributed video of the dance to Indian Country Today. Joe Bates shared an aerial view from his drone.

"The Tribe loaned us some orange safety cones to mark out our dance circle," Maday Bigboy said.

"Organizing the dance was super

organic; it offered a good way to offer healing to our community and the world," Maday Bigboy, Bad River's Director of Youth Services, said.

The sound of the dresses is very calming, according to Maday Bigboy.

"When the jingles start singing, we believe they help take our prayers and songs up to the Creator," she said.

"Our traditions are some of the most powerful medicines we have. The dance can offer hope and healing for those who need it."

*Mary Annette Pember, of the Red Cliff Band, is a national correspondent for Indian Country Today.*

## Youth Sports

### Before COVID-19 Tribal teams get it done

For the Bad River Band

The Bad River Band's youth wrestling and boys basketball teams were able to get in some action before the coronavirus pandemic shut down many activities locally and around the world.

The wrestling team, made up of boys ages kindergarten-eighth grade, placed first in a tournament in Lakeland, second at Phillips and third in tournaments in Ashland and Superior. The wrestling team is coached by Chili Burns.

The basketball team, featuring middle school boys in grades 6-8, posted a 2-2 record in tournaments in Sparta and Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau. The team is coached by Tino Redhouse and Danny Wiggins.

### Weight-loss competition

Travis Goggleye lost an incredible 110 pounds, from October to March 13, to place first in the Bad River Weight-Loss Competition.

Brad Bigboy took second, losing 64 pounds and Danny Wiggins was third with 20.

There were 75 men entered in the competition, according to Fred Pero, the Youth Services Coordinator.

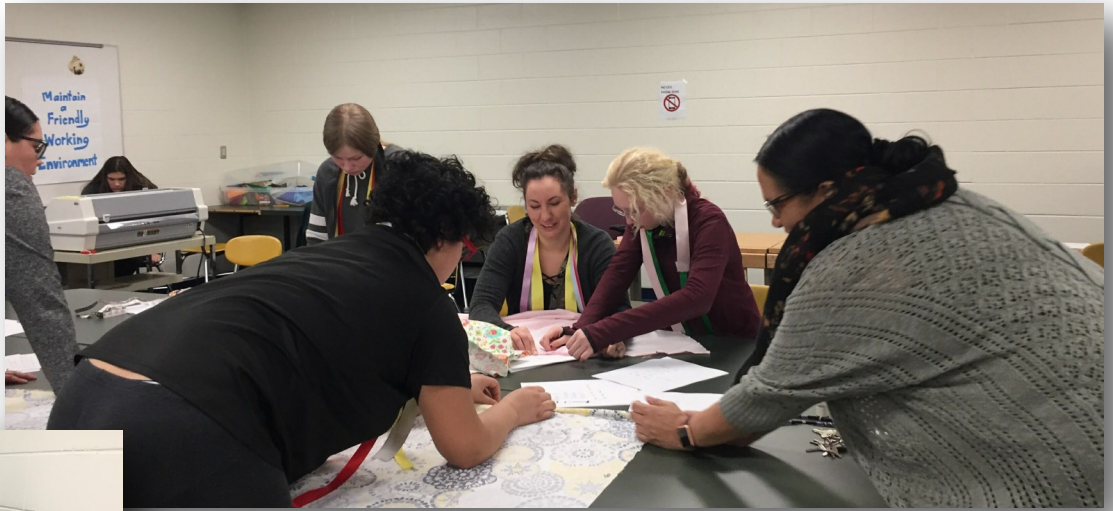
In the competition among women, Melanie Connors lost 40 pounds to finish first. Gloria Rodriguez (38 pounds) was second and Ashley Leoso (18) was third. According to Pero, 130 women were entered in the competition.

All participants in the weight-loss competition were adults.

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## *Skirting the issue*

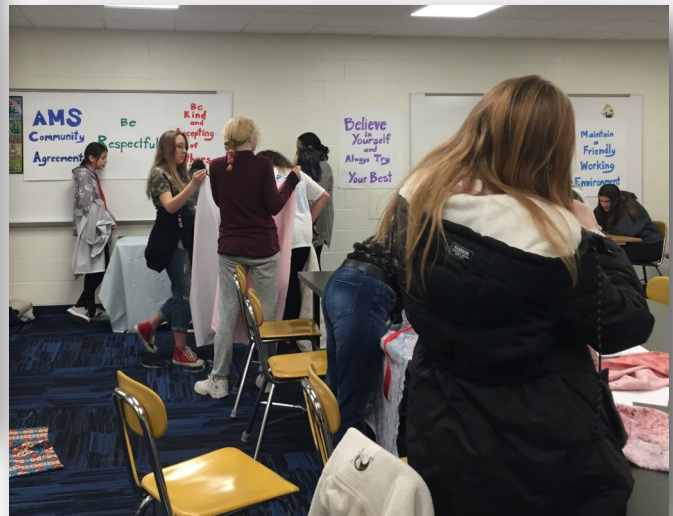
On Friday, March 13, members of the Bad River Youth Services Department participated in the Ashland Middle School's Activity Day.

Eighteen students signed up for a Ribbon Skirt making class which was led by Faye Maday, Star Ames, Hayley Nye, Mary Jo Kaulaity and Brooke Kmiecik.

Fabric, ribbons, thread and other necessary supplies were donated by Bad River Youth Services.

Students chose their fabric and ribbons and helped each other decide how to lay-out their ribbons.

Students were shown how to measure their fabric and operate the sewing machines. Students were allowed to take home their skirts to finish. Star Ames also created a "How-To Book" for the students to take with them. The Bad River Youth Services Department was grateful for the opportunity to partake in this event.





Moccasin Trail has perishable items including: milk, eggs, bread and butter available now upon request in the Convenience Store.

**These Meats are also Now Available:**

81% Lean Ground Beef	90% Lean Ground Beef Chuck
Boneless Chuck Roast	Boneless Chuck Steak
Boneless Rib Eye Steak	Boneless Chuck Eye Steak
Boneless Armcut Chuck Roast	Boneless Armcut Chuck Steak
Boneless Flat Iron Steak	T-Bone Steak
Porterhouse Steak	Boneless Sirloin Tip Steak
Boneless Bottom Round Steak	Center Cut Pork Chops
Pork Loin Chops	Boneless Pork Sirloin Chops
Boneless Pork Chops	Spare Ribs
Pork Steak	Chicken Drumsticks Family Pack
Chicken Breasts – Small and Family Pack	Chicken Thighs – Small and Family Pack
Cut-up Fryers	Boneless Beef Stew Meat

Open 10:00 am to 5:30 pm.

Please call ahead to 715-685-2786 and ask for the supervisor on duty. The supervisor will assist you in entering the store.



In this changing time in our world, NWI is responding in a positive, productive and proactive way. Every day, 7 days a week for the next several weeks, we will offer our Native Wellness Power Hour at 2 p.m. Central Time. Storytelling, workshops, teachings and more! Our goal is to keep healing and wellness at the forefront for individuals, families and communities as we move through this pandemic in a good way.

Please tune in each day at 2 p.m. on our Native Wellness Institute [Facebook](#) page, we'll go Live. Each week we will have a new flyer announcing the next lineup. The videos will be available on the homepage of our [website](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page for the videos). The videos will also be available on our [YouTube channel](#).



## What's your story?

If you know of a good story from the Bad River Community that needs to be told in "Drum Beats," just send an email to [BayCityNS@gmail.com](mailto:BayCityNS@gmail.com).





## BAD RIVER HOUSING AUTHORITY

P.O. BOX 57 • Odanah, Wisconsin 54861 • (715) 682-2271 • FAX (715) 682-6818

March 27, 2020  
Memorandum  
Subject to Change

To whom it may concern:

As we continue to closely monitor Coronavirus (COVID-19) developments, the health and well-being of our employees, families and community members is our greatest concern.

In this time of hardship, the Bad River Housing Authority (BRHA) will suspend all rent and other payments due for the month of April. Suspending such payments during April is an important step in helping the community survive this historically difficult time. BRHA hopes this will help provide some peacefulness, as you will need to provide for your family.

BRHA will be cutting back on non-essential services such as modernization work, painting, cabinet repairs, flooring, etc. The BRHA operations will continue during this pandemic; however, our physical location is closed to the public until further notice.

- **Home Visits:** Home visits are temporarily suspended. If you have any changes in your household composition or your employment, please promptly call [715-682-2271](tel:715-682-2271) or email one of the following:
  - Micki Corbine: [OccupancySpecialist@badriver-nsn.gov](mailto:OccupancySpecialist@badriver-nsn.gov)
  - Rae Ann Bender: [ResidentSpecialist@badriver-nsn.gov](mailto:ResidentSpecialist@badriver-nsn.gov)
- **Maintenance:** The BRHA Maintenance Staff will temporarily be responding only to emergency work orders. Maintenance Staff will be wearing protective gear upon entry. If you have health or safety concerns, please call the On-Call Phone at [715-292-8847](tel:715-292-8847).
- **BRHA Building:** The BRHA Lobby will temporarily be closed. Garbage stickers will be mailed upon request. To make this request, please call [715-682-2271](tel:715-682-2271).  
We will continue to closely monitor this situation and hope these steps will fight the spread of the virus. As more important decisions are made, BRHA will send you additional notices as necessary.

If you have any questions about this notice, please call the appropriate phone number listed in the above sections. For up to date information, please visit <http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/news/>

Thank you for your support and understanding during this difficult time.

Miigwech,

Jennifer Toribio-Warren  
Executive Director  
[brhead@badriver-nsn.gov](mailto:brhead@badriver-nsn.gov)

## Bad River Health and Wellness Center

During the COVID-19 crisis, for your safety, we are asking that you call ahead to the clinic during business hours (8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday) 715-682-7133 prior to coming in for a medical appointment.

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms after clinic hours, please utilize the resources listed below:

In order to protect our community and prevent spread, it is important that individuals who believe they may have been infected with Coronavirus (COVID-19) use the following process to direct your care. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911.

**-Essentia Health is providing free screenings to anyone experiencing symptoms by calling their toll-free phone number at 1-833-494-0836 or through an e-visit on their health portal, *MyHealth*. The e-visits provide 24/7 access to connect to an Essentia Health Care Team without requiring you to leave home. E-visits can be found at [essentiahealth.org/services/e-visit](https://www.essentiahealth.org/services/e-visit).**

**-St.Luke's Chequamegon Clinic is also offering two, free *E-Care* visits per user. You can also call their toll-free phone number at 1-218-249-4200 to complete a COVID-19 screening. *E-Care* is open 7:00am – 8:00pm and can be found at [slhduluth.com/ecare](https://slhduluth.com/ecare), and the toll-free line is open 24/7.**

**Memorial Medical Center (715) 685-5500**

## Complete Career Basics from Anywhere!

Register today



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 [e](#) Forward

Participate in NAFOA's Career Basics from anywhere! The online program is [open for registration](#) for the Spring!

Career Basics is a career readiness and personal finance program designed for 18-25-year-old Native American youth and young professionals. The program offers online coursework that provides opportunities for participants to improve career readiness, personal finance skills, and advances their understanding of issues impacting tribal economies.

The Leadership Track of Career Basics is free and open to eligible young people. This track is specifically designed to prepare youth for the NAFOA Leadership Summit.

### Program Details:

Program dates: March 30 - May 31, 2020

Registration dates: March 2 - April 15, 2020

Participants proceed at their own pace during their registered program dates. The average curriculum completion time is 8-12 hours.

### Location:

The program is online. However, if you do not have a stable/consistent broadband connection, please email [education@nafoa.org](mailto:education@nafoa.org) or call (202) 780-5403 to make arrangements and still be able to participate remotely.

### Eligibility and Cost:

The program is free and open to self-identifying Native youth and early professionals ages 18-25 years old.

Register for the Spring Session

## About the NAFOA Leadership Summit

Participants ages 20-26 years old who actively participated in Career Basics are invited to apply for the NAFOA Leadership Summit.

Young people accepted into the NAFOA Leadership Summit participate in seminars led by top executives, managers and tribal leaders for one day prior to the Fall Finance and Tribal Economies Conference. Following the summit, participants attend NAFOA's fall conference that facilitates dialogue between tribes, federal partners, nonprofits and professionals regarding tribal finance and economic issues.

Applications open April 30, 2020.



## BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

P.O. Box 39 • Odenah, Wisconsin 54861

## Bad River Tribal Council Gaming Commission Meeting

**Thursday, March 26, 2020  
4:30 p.m.**

**Casino Convention Center**

**has been rescheduled until  
Thursday, April 2, 2020**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Bad River Water/Sewer Department

With the Bad River Community hunkering down at home to lessen the chance of person to person spread of COVID-19, the Bad River Water/Sewer Department would like to remind customers to first, be safe and smart.

And second please **DO NOT** flush rags, "flushable wipes" (not flushable wipes) disinfectant wipes, paper towels, baby wipes, grease or anything other than toilet paper.

Flushing Rags, Paper Towels, Baby Wipes, and Grease, rags, paper towels, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products and disinfectant wipes down your toilets and sinks can cause significant damage to wastewater processes and the infrastructure of the sewer system and lift stations which can cause possible sewage backups and emergency work, and damage to lateral sewer pipes costing homeowner money and distress.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions related to community water/sewer please feel free to call Philip Livingston, BR Water/Sewer Manager at 715-292-5339.





**Bad River Health and Wellness Center**  
53585 Nokomis Road  
Ashland, WI 54806-4272

Clinic Administration  
Phone: 715.682.7137  
Fax: 715.685.7857  
Main Clinic: 715.682.713

## **FAMILY FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNOR EVER'S 'SAFER-AT-HOME' AND CHAIRMAN WIGGIN'S STAFFING ORDER, FAMILY FOUNDATIONS HOME VISITORS WILL BE WORKING REMOTELY FROM HOME UNTIL THE ORDERS ARE LIFTED.**

**OUR PROGRAM IS COMMITTED TO HELPING FAMILIES SURVIVE THIS COVID-19 EVENT. YOU CAN REACH OUR HOME VISITORS AS FOLLOWS:**

**CORRIN KANGAS**

**CELL PHONE: 715-631-2103**

**EMAIL ADDRESS: [c.kangas@badriverhwc.com](mailto:c.kangas@badriverhwc.com)**

**TINA NAULT**

**CELL PHONE: 715-292-9855**

**EMAIL ADDRESS: [t.nault@badriverhwc.com](mailto:t.nault@badriverhwc.com)**

**HOME VISITS WILL CONTINUE, BUT WILL BE SCHEDULED AND CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY.**

**ANY EXCHANGE OF PROGRAM SUPPLIES TO FAMILIES WILL BE DONE USING THE SAFE DROP-OFF/PICK-UP AND SOCIAL DISTANCING PRACTICES.**

**NO FACE-TO-FACE DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN STAFF AND FAMILIES WILL OCCUR DURING THIS TIME.**

Public Notice Date: 3/25/2020





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## **UPDATED PUBLIC NOTICE CLINIC PHARMACY**

### **HOME DELIVERY OF MEDICATIONS AVAILABLE TO ELDERS AND DISABLED WHO FALL UNDER I.H.S. GUIDELINES**

To accommodate our elders and disabled Tribal members during the COVID-19 event, we are offering home delivery of prescriptions, **from 11am-3pm daily on weekdays, within a 30-mile radius of the BRHWC.**

Delivery will be made using safe drop-off/pick-up and social distancing practices. Patients need to be at home and watching for the delivery; which will be made on the front porch. Patients will need to wait for the driver to return to his/her vehicle prior to opening the door and picking the prescription up.

Frequency of delivery and how long delivery service will take, is dependent upon staffing. BRHWC reserves the right to prioritize patient needs & evaluate this service weekly based on community need, staff availability and CDC or State guidelines.

*If you are an elder or are disabled, please request home delivery service when requesting a prescription fill/refill. Please also provide a current working contact phone number.*

Updated Notice - March 25, 2020 – 11:30am





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Ashland, WI 54806-4272

Clinic Administration

Phone: 715.682.7137

Fax: 715.685.7857

Main Clinic: 715.682.7133

## Limited Clinic Services

We are currently not allowing any visitors into our facility and all our events/support groups are currently canceled. To serve the best interests of our staff, patients, and community, we are exploring alternatives to face-to-face triage and asking patients to call the clinic before coming in. We will contact you to reschedule clinic appointments that are not urgent, including routine checkups or wellness visits.

### What to Do - **CALL FIRST!**

If you are showing any sign of possible COVID-19 symptoms, please **do not** come to the Bad River Health and Wellness Center to be tested; contact your health care provider first. You will be advised what to do next. Via telephone you can speak to a provider to reduce unnecessary healthcare visits and prevent transmission of COVID-19.

We understand these screenings may be an inconvenient and impersonal, but it's an important step to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible. We appreciate your help protecting our patients and families.

Bad River Health & Wellness Center



## **‘Drum Beats,’ Deadline!**

To get your news item in the next edition of “Drum Beats,” send email to [BayCityNS@gmail.com](mailto:BayCityNS@gmail.com) or call 920-857-4673 by noon on:

**April 10**

# Bad River Transportation Program



**Due to the COVID-19 Health Crisis The Transportation Program will be working remotely in accordance with Governor Ever's order.**

**If you need non-emergency transportation to medical appointments only and are eligible under the transportation policies then please contact the scheduler first:**

- **Danielle Fizell– 7152925689**

**Transportation drivers can be contacted as well.**

**Malene Powless– 7156858643**

**Wesley Andrews– 7152925604**



# LOGO CONTEST

## ATTENTION LOCAL ARTISTS!

**We need a Bad River Community Development Corporation logo and we want YOU to design it.**

**THINGS TO INCLUDE ARE:**

- Our name - Bad River Community Development Corporation
- What we promote - Bad River's economic business development

**PRIZES**

- ★ 1st Place: \$175.00
- ★ 2nd Place: \$75.00
- ★ 3rd Place: \$50.00

**QUESTIONS**  
Call Brian at  
715-685-7858, ext. 1321

*All artwork will become the property of the Bad River Community Development Corporation and may be used for advertising, marketing promotions, etc.*

**DEADLINE**  
Friday,  
April 17, 2020  
by 3:00 pm

**WINNERS NOTIFIED**  
Friday,  
May 1, 2020

**REQUIREMENT**  
Must be an original design  
Artwork no larger than 8.5" x 11"  
One entry per person  
Entry form completed and signed

**SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN TO BRIAN MAYOTTE:**  
Email: [b.mayotte@badriver-nsn.gov](mailto:b.mayotte@badriver-nsn.gov)  
or  
In Person: Superior Connections, Inc.  
Inside the Moccasin Trail Complex

Mail: P.O. Box 250,  
73430 US Highway 2  
Odanah, WI 54861

### ENTRY FORM (attach to artwork submitted)

Submitter (First and Last Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian (First and Last Name) if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bad River Community Development Corporation**  
P.O. Box 250, 73430 US Hwy 2, Odanah, WI 54861  
715-685-7858, ext 1321



## 'End' Quote

The Bad River Domestic & Sexual Abuse Program shares this statement for the week. These weekly statements address various issues, concerns and thoughts that we hope you will read and consider why it was written:

***"Life has many different chapters for us. One bad chapter doesn't mean it's the end of the book."*** ~be.positive.enjoy.life

Watch for the next statement in the April 15 newsletter. If you have a statement you would like to share, feel free to send it to Heidi-Beth Burns, Coordinator/DV & SA Advocate & Legal Lay Advocate, Bad River Domestic Abuse Program. Send email to [brdap@badriver-nsn.gov](mailto:brdap@badriver-nsn.gov)

### BAD RIVER HOUSING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

2020	REGULAR MEETING
January	01/14/20
February	02/11/20
March	03/10/20
April	04/14/20
May	05/12/20
June	06/09/20
July	07/14/20
August	08/11/20
September	09/08/20
October	10/13/20
November	11/10/20
December	12/08/20

All meetings are held  
at the Bad River Housing Authority Conference Room at 6:00 p.m.



## **"Drum Beats,"**

is the newsletter for the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

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Send email to [BayCityNS@gmail.com](mailto:BayCityNS@gmail.com) or call 920-857-4673.

